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RESPONSE

This is in response to the office action mailed February 27, 2002. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended.

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:7 and which encodes a polypeptide having a von Willebrand domain having at least 90% sequence identity to the von Willebrand domain of SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:5, a factor C homologous domain having at least 90% sequence identity to the factor C homologous domain of SEQ ID NO:11, and which binds fibrillar collagen.

2. (Reiterated) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:6 or natural allelic variants or complements thereof.

3. (Reiterated) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.

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